

REMARKS

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action mailed February 18, 2005. Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the subject matter of claim 7. Accordingly, Applicant has canceled claim 7. Reconsideration of the present case is earnestly requested in light of the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7-11 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant thanks the Examiner for consideration of these claims.

Applicant has included the subject matter of claim 7 in independent claim 1, and accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and those dependent therefrom are allowable.

Claims 15-33 were allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for consideration of these claims.

§102 Rejections

Claims 1-6 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Krishnamurthy et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,389,464, hereinafter "Krishnamurthy").

As noted above, Applicant has included the subject matter of claim 7 in independent claim 1, and accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and those dependent therefrom are allowable.

§103 Rejections

Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Krishnamurthy in view of Sescila, III et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,875,313).

As noted above, Applicant has included the subject matter of claim 7 in independent claim 1, and accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and those dependent therefrom are allowable.

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Krishnamurthy.

As noted above, Applicant has included the subject matter of claim 7 in independent claim 1, and accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and those dependent therefrom are allowable.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5150-39300/JCH.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time
- ☐ Request for Approval of Drawing Changes
- ☐ Notice of Change of Address
- ☐ Check in the amount of \$ for fees ().
- ☐ Other:

Respectfully submitted,



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